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SUBJECT: OSLO MEETING REAPS LAVISH, UPBEAT PRESS COVERAGE; DEPUTY SECRETARY'S REMARKS EARN PRAISE

Refs: Colombo 2184, and previous (U) Classified by Lewis Amselem, Charge d'Affaires. Reasons 1.5 (b,d).

1. (C) SUMMARY: The Oslo meeting on the Sri Lankan peace process has received lavish, upbeat press coverage. Deputy Secretary Armitage's remarks
----- OSLO GARNERS LAVISH, UPBEAT COVERAGE -----

2. (SBU) The November 25 Oslo "Sri Lanka Peace Process Support Meeting" received lavish and upbeat press coverage back home. In November 26

3. (SBU) Most editorials portrayed the Oslo meeting as a key boost for the peace process. The editorial in "The Island," a paper that invariably

4. (U) Television and radio also provided significant coverage of the meeting. Opening remarks by Prime Minister Wickremesinghe, Liberation Ti

5. (SBU) "TamilNet," the pro-LTTE website, provided several stories on the Oslo meeting. Most of its reporting, predictably, focused on Bal

----- SPECIAL PRAISE FOR U.S. REMARKS -----

6. (C) In discussions with a wide variety of contacts, Deputy Secretary Armitage's remarks drew special praise. Most of the comments focused c
----- OPPOSITION PLANS RALLY -----

7. (C) President Kumaratunga, who has long been at odds with Prime Minister Wickremesinghe, has not yet come out with a public statement in re

8. (C) In the meantime, members of Kumaratunga's People's Alliance (PA) party are planning a rally in Colombo today (November 26) protesting t
-----COMMENT-----

9. (C) It is still early, but our preliminary assessment is that the Oslo meeting provided the peace process a solid boost. Per expectations (
10. (U) Minimize considered.
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